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## ASS'N OF COMMERCE IS HIT BY ALDERMEN

**Big Business Lobbyists Try to Slip Over "Town Hall of Nation" Idea, but are Blocked by Council—Ald. Block Attacks Loop.**

"I will tell you, gentlemen, what is one of the biggest pieces of bunk we have in the city of Chicago. It is the idea that whenever we are going to put up a big, fine public building we must have it down in the loop district.

"The loop district is the edge of Chicago. It is not the center.

"Our whole transportation system is devised with the idea that the population must be carried to one small downtown district. It is already known as the most crowded downtown district in the world."

Ald. Block thus explained his vote in the city council last night when the ordinance was up providing for a "Town Hall of the Nation." Other

aldermen, Watson, Utpatel, Merriam, Doyle, took a hand.

When they got through with it this pet scheme of the Association of Commerce was knocked flatter than a pancake. The A. of C. claims Chicago needs a big new convention hall to stand somewhere on the lake front, not far from Marshall Field & Co., Mandel Brothers and Siegel-Coopers. They are sure it ought not to be anywhere on the West Side nor North Side, nor anywhere else except right smack down near the central shopping district.

"This is vicious city planning," said Block. "I would like to know where there is any precedent for it. I am read yto consider a big convention hall owned and operated by the city